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On 31 December 1951, a resident from Romsa near Altenburg said that parachuting was practiced by Soviet Air Force troops over the Romsa-Poepchen area almost every day from 10 December. The parachutists would jump in groups from many twin-engine planes. One day, jumps were made by 200 to 300 parachutists, some of whom were killed because their parachutes did not open. Twenty-two men allegedly jumped from one plane. *

25X1A * Comment. Similar parachuting was previously observed in the Altenburg area involving the air transport regiment located there. However, the jumps were formerly conducted by considerably fewer parachutists, except for a period in the spring of 1951. It has not been determined whether the jumps were made by regular parachute troops stationed in the Altenburg area.

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